

CIG DIRECTIVE NO. _____

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

Memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence

1. In order to fulfill the National Intelligence Mission given to this Authority by directives of the President and N.I.A., it is considered necessary to announce and ~~maintain~~^{reaffirm} a current statement of National Intelligence Requirements which serve as the broad basis for agency directives for the collection, research and evaluation of intelligence.
2. National Intelligence Requirements are in effect a command statement by the N.I.A of the current requirements for that strategic intelligence which is essential to the National Security, and is in concurrence with U. S. Foreign Policy. They are based upon an analysis of the continuing evaluated intelligence provided by research and study of the international situation.
3. National Intelligence Requirements are prepared in the following manner:
 - a. Suggestions for contents are prepared by the DCI with the assistance and advice of the IAB. In these suggestions, both the DCI and the membership of the IAB are guided by their own current intelligence of the international situation and by their knowledge of the operational plans and policies of the State, War, and Navy Department.

b. Proposed contents of the NIR are prepared in three parts as follows:

(1) Part I - a brief statement of such current National Policy as affects intelligence operations and activity.

(2) Part II - The National Intelligence Requirements which are regarded as most currently essential to the National Security.

(3) Part III - Collection Directive for NIR. This part lists specific information desired, either as individual items of intelligence, analytic reports, or intelligence research activities to be instituted.

c. Proposed NIR are submitted to the NIA by the DCI, after receiving assistance and advice of IAB and are published as an NIA Directive entitled NIR No. _____. The NIR will be issued for a three months period at the termination of which it will be resubmitted to the NIA for review. It will be subject to review and minor revision by the DCI at least once a month or upon request of any member of the IAB. Major revisions of these times may be submitted by the DCI at his discretion to the NIA.

d. Part III of the NIR form the broad collection directive to intelligence agencies in order to produce the essential Material Intelligence.

4. a. Until such time as the NIR can be properly studied and produced on a global basis, it is proposed to publish a special NIR for one particular area, i.e.: the China area. This special NIR will serve as a means of perfecting the integrated intelligence methods and procedures which can be later used in preparation and publication of NIR.

b. For the above purposes, attached hereto as Appendix I is Special NIR ----- China Area which becomes effective on date shown and will be used by CIG and all departmental intelligence agencies entitled to receive TOP Secret documents as the overall directive for all intelligence activities. Nothing in this directive is intended to prevent the use and preparation of Departmental Directives for intelligence peculiar to their own intelligence fields of primary interest so long as the NIR can likewise be properly met.

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